IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing combined search results on a client device, the method comprising:

generating and storing in a memory of the client device a local index of a plurality of articles associated with at least one of a user or the client device and stored on the client device, each article having an article type from a plurality of article types, wherein each article type indicates a computer readable data format for an article;

executing on the client device a search query on the local index to produce a first result set of articles relevant to the search query, the first result set referencing a plurality of articles having different article types;

receiving on the client device from a remote search system a second result set from a search of a global index, the second result set relevant to the search query;

receiving, from the user, a selection of user-defined display parameters, including a selection of article types to be displayed at the client device;

generating on the client device a user interface based on the selection of article types to be displayed, wherein the user-interface includes a plurality of spatially segregated sections of a display of the client device, wherein each of the segregated sections is associated with one of the selected article types ~~the user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set~~ ; and

displaying the first and second result sets to the user in the generated user interface of the client device, wherein the plurality of articles in the first ~~and second~~ result

sets ~~are~~ are displayed in the plurality of segregated sections according to their article types ~~segregated in the user interface~~.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein executing on the client device a search query further comprises intercepting a search query input at the client device directed to the remote search system.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking the combined display of the result sets.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the combined display of the result sets comprises a merged result set.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface is comprised of a first section for displaying the first result set and a second section for displaying the second result set.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein generating on the client device a user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set comprises:

identifying a first article identifier in the first result set; and

replacing a second article identifier in the second result set with the first article identifier.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein executing on the client device the search query comprises receiving the search query in a proxy server.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein executing on the client device the search query comprises receiving the search query in a browser plug-in.

11. -13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the local indices comprises a database storing a plurality of pregenerated results for a plurality of search queries.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is text-based files.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is email.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is message text derived from a chat application.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of providing combined search results on a client device, the method comprising:

generating and storing in a memory of the client device a local index of a plurality of articles associated with at least one of a user or the client device and stored on the client device, each article having an article type from a plurality of article types, wherein each article type indicates a computer readable data format for an article;

identifying a global query directed to a remote search system comprising a global index;

executing on the client device a local query on the local index, wherein the local query is based at least in part on the global query, the local query producing a first result set of articles relevant to the local query, the first result set referencing a plurality of articles having different article types;

receiving on the client device from the remote search system a second result set from the global query of the global index;

receiving, from the user, a selection of user-defined display parameters, including a selection of article types to be displayed at the client device;

generating on the client device a user interface based on the selection of article types to be displayed, the user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set, wherein the user-interface includes a plurality of spatially segregated sections of a display of the client device wherein each of the segregated sections is associated with one of the selected article types; and

displaying the combined display of the result sets in the generated user interface, wherein the first and second result sets are segregated in the user interface and the plurality of articles in the first result set are displayed in the plurality of segregated sections according to their article types.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the local query and the global query occur in parallel.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising ignoring the result set from the local index if the result set from the local index is not received within a predetermined time after the result set from the global index is received.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display of the result sets based at least in part on the result set from the global index and the result set from the local index comprises modifying the result set from the global index.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display of the result sets based at least in part on the result set from the global index and the result set from the local index comprises creating a new display, wherein the result set from the local index and the result set from the global index are contained in separate sections.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein creating a combined display of the result sets based at least in part on the result set from the global index and the result set from the local index comprises creating a new display combining the result set from the local index and the response from the global index.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code for providing combined search results on a client device, the program code comprising:

program code for generating and storing in a memory of the client device a local index of a plurality of articles associated with at least one of a user or the client device and stored on the client device, each article having an article type from a plurality of article types, wherein each article type indicates a computer readable data format for an article;

program code for executing on the client device a search query on the local index to produce a first result set of articles relevant to the search query, the first result set referencing a plurality of articles having different article types;

program code for receiving on the client device from a remote search system a second result set from a search of a global index, the second result set relevant to the search query;

program code for receiving, from the user, a selection of user-defined display parameters, including a selection of article types to be displayed at the client device;

program code for generating on the client device a user interface based on the selection of article types to be displayed, the user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set, wherein the user-interface includes a plurality of spatially segregated sections of a display of the client device wherein each of the segregated sections is associated with one of the selected article types; and

program code for displaying the first and second result sets to the user in the generated user interface wherein the first and second result sets are segregated in the user interface and the plurality of articles in the first result set are displayed in the plurality of segregated sections according to their article types.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising program code for ranking the combined display of the result sets

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for generating on the client device a user interface including a combined display of the first result set and the second result set comprises:

program code for identifying a first article identifier in the first result set; and

program code for replacing a second article identifier in the second result set with the first article identifier.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for executing the search query comprises program code for receiving the search query in a proxy server.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein program code for executing the search query comprises program code for receiving the search query in a browser plug-in.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the local index is not publicly accessible.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is an audio file.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is a video file.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is a Portable Document File (PDF).

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the article type is a web page comprised of markup language.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating on the client device the user interface based upon user-supplied display format parameters.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is text-based files.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is email.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the article type is message text derived from a chat application.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is an audio file.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is a video file.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the article type is a Portable Document File (PDF).

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising generating on the client device the user interface based upon user-supplied display format parameters.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is text-based files.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is email.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is message text derived from a chat application.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is an audio file.

49. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is a video file.

50. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the article type is a Portable Document File (PDF).

51. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising program code for generating on the client device the user interface based upon user-supplied display format parameters.